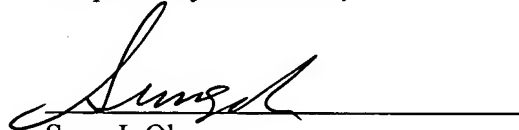


REMARKS

By this preliminary amendment, the amendment of page 3 is requested to correct a typographical error. The correction of page 6 is requested to delete an unnecessary word. Submission of new Claims 26 to 30 is intended to provide applicant with the breadth of protection to which they are entitled. These claims are fully supported by the specification. For example, Claims 26 and 27 are supported in the specification at page 11, lines 16 through 26 and page 12, lines 9 through 23. Claims 28 and 29 are supported in the specification at page 12, lines 9 through 27, page 13, lines 1 through 3, and page 14, lines 5 through 11. Claim 30 is supported in the specification at page 14, lines 5 through 11. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added. Claims 1 through 15 and 26 through 30 are now pending in this application. An indication that each of these claims is allowable is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 07-1853 during the pendency of prosecution of this application. Should such additional fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed for the Deposit Account, should it be needed.

Respectfully submitted,



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